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REMARKS:

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, claims 1, 7, 14, 15, 17 and 20 being the independent claims.

Claims 1-20 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,231 B2. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith which overcomes this rejection.

CONCLUSION:

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

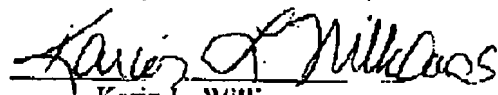
FEES:

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Terminal Disclaimer fee (\$130), and any additional fees, that may be due and owing as a result of this response to the undersigned attorney's PTO Deposit Account number 50-1047.

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